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FOR KENYA DESK OFFICER, AF/E
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SUBJECT: ARKEL INTERNATIONAL-POSSIBLE U.S. SUGAR SCHEME IN KENYA

REF: ABIDJAN 4828

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING BY PHONE TO FRANCIS C. SCHAFER,
PRESIDENT, HOMER KNOST, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, OR EDWIN
G. JEWETT, VICE PRESIDENT-FINANCE, OF ARKEL INTERNATIONAL,
INC., P.O. BOX 1415, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70281, TEL: (504)
383-3734.

2. JESSE E. OPEMBE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, KENYA SUGAR AUTHORITY,
CAN EASILY BE CONSIDERED AN INFLUENTIAL PERSON WITHIN OFFICIAL
DECISION-MAKING CIRCLES. HE IS NOT, HOWEVER, THE KEY PERSON.
THE KEY DECISION MAKERS FOR A PROJECT OF THE MAGNITUDE OF A
NEW SUGAR SCHEME ARE THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, J.J.M.
NYAGAH, AND THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLANNING, MWAI
KIBAKI.

3. OPEMBE WOULD PROPERLY BE INCLUDED AMONG A GROUP OF
HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL OFFICIALS WHOSE ADVICE WOULD BE LISTEN-
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ED TO, BUT NOT NECESSARILY ACTED ON. OTHERS AMONG THIS
GROUP ARE: I.K. CHELUGET, NYANZA PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
AND SUGAR AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN, C.S. MBINDYO, TREASURY
UNDERSECRETARY, S.D. GATHIUNI, AG PERMSEC, D.T. WANJUKI,
AG DEP SEC, AND J.S. MBURU, AG DIRECTOR.

4. OPEMBE'S INFLUENCE SHOULD NOT BE UNDERRATED, IT IS LIKELY

THAT THE STATUS OF THE KENYA SUGAR AUTHORITY WILL BE ELE-
VATED TO BECOME A STATUTORY MARKETING BOARD IN THE NEAR
FUTURE. OPEMBE IS EXPECTED TO RETAIN HIS POSITION AND, PERHAPS,
ACQUIRE MORE INFLUENCE. IN THE CONTEXT OF EXPLORATORY CONTACT
OR A FEASIBILITY DETERMINATION, HOWEVER, INTERVIEWS WITH ANY
OR ALL OF THE OTHER PRINCIPALS IS RECOMMENDABLE.

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